



# IRVINGTON

## Village News

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*Washington Irving*

*Spring 2004*

### Dear Neighbors:

As County Executive Andrew J. Spano has requested, I am pleased to refer to you information regarding two important programs the County has recently launched. The first is **Westchester Rx**, the County's new discount drug prescription plan. It is an easy way for any Westchester resident to save money, 10-50 percent, on their prescription medicines. For more information please visit: [www.westchesterRx.com](http://www.westchesterRx.com), or call 1-800-771-9196.

The second program I want to tell you about is the County's **You Are Not Alone** program. This is a telephone program designed for older adults, disabled persons and the homebound, who would receive computerized phone calls on a regular basis. The program gives a sense of security to not only the person who receives the daily call, but also to his or her loved ones who may be worried about an aged relative. If the phone is not answered, the calling center staff will notify the appropriate emergency contacts. If they are unsuccessful, they will immediately notify the police dispatcher who will then send help to check on the person. This program is free. For more information regarding it go to [www.westchestergov.com/aging](http://www.westchestergov.com/aging) or call the County's Department of Senior Programs and Services at 914-813-6400.

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) is sponsoring a "Community Service Day" for Irvington High School, Irvington Middle School and Immaculate Conception School Students on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. This event will be a community service outreach program to the students of each school that will encourage them to become engaged in community service. We're hopeful that this program will motivate our students to become more engaged in community service. The benefits are obvious—the students will gain a sense of self-worth as they help others and will establish positive relationships with the adults in charge of the programs. Those being serviced will gain a more positive perspective of adolescents.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the Community Advisory Board is organizing "Celebrate Our Youth Day". This will be an all day event at Scenic Hudson Park bringing together our entire community. Special events, carnival booths, student performances, and friendly competition will dominate the day. Look for more details in the coming weeks. The CAB is looking for individuals and members of the business community willing to financially sponsor a booth or event. Please see the enclosed letter from Trustee Milano for more details.

We are especially thankful to the O'Hara Foundation for the \$10,000 donation and being named the lead sponsor of "Celebrate Our Youth Day."

*Dennis P. Flood, Mayor*



*Mayor Dennis Flood welcomes Irvington's  
Newest Trustee David Klassen*

### Dows Lane Traffic Signal Approved

Mayor Dennis P. Flood and the Board of Trustees are very pleased to announce that the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has agreed to install a traffic signal at the Dows Lane/Route 9 intersection. The announcement by the New York State Department of Transportation follows a series of meetings and discussions among NYSDOT Traffic Engineer Dave Parker, Deputy Village Administrator Donald Marra, and Police Chief Louis Grieco. Mayor Flood acknowledged the tireless effort of Don Marra and thanked him for his persistence. Installation of the signal is scheduled for 2006 and the entire cost of the project will be the responsibility of the NYSDOT.

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## Police Department - Identity Theft

Identify theft occurs when key pieces of someone's identifying information (name, address, social security number, birth date, etc.) are obtained in an effort to impersonate them. The thief will use this information to obtain loans, credit cards, social security benefits, and bank accounts in the victim's name. Any victim of this crime will tell you that it can take many long hours and a lot of aggravation to correct.

There are steps that people can take to limit their exposure:

1. Protect your personal information. Be sure you know who you are communicating with on the telephone or computer before you provide any information
2. Shred unwanted credit card offers or any other documents which contain your personal information. An inexpensive paper shredder is well worth the investment.
3. Only carry personal identification or credit cards, which you need. Cancel credit cards that are unnecessary or not used.
4. Deposit your mail in post office collection mailboxes only. Do not leave your outgoing mail in your mailbox.
5. Never leave your receipts at an ATM, gas pump or bank counter.
6. Order your credit report from the three main credit bureaus once a year to check for fraudulent activity.

All of the above steps can limit your exposure and help to protect your good name. If you do believe you have become the victim of identity theft, don't panic or feel embarrassed. There are steps that need to be taken so that you can limit the damage, resolve the matter, and protect your good name. The Police Department has a brochure available that outlines these steps.

## Public Education and Outreach on Storm Water Impacts

Lawn and garden activities can result in contamination of storm water through pesticide, soil, and fertilizer runoff. Proper landscape management, however, can effectively reduce water use and contaminant runoff and enhance the aesthetics of a property. Environmentally friendly landscape management can protect the environment through careful planning and design, routine soil analysis, appropriate plant selection, use of practical turf areas, water use efficiency, use of mulches, and appropriate maintenance.

Additional activities that benefit water resources include maintaining healthy plants and lawns and composting lawn wastes. Healthy plants are less susceptible to diseases and insects and therefore require minimal use of pest control measures. To promote healthy plants, it is often beneficial to till composted material into the soil. Recycling of garden wastes by composting is also effective at reducing waste, although compost bins and piles should not be located next to waterways or storm drains because leachate from compost materials can cause contamination.

## DPW News

Spring is here and with its arrival comes spring clean-up. The Department of Public Works would like to remind all residents that their cooperation is necessary in order to have a successful spring clean-up season here in Irvington.

The rules and regulations regarding garden debris, yard waste, grass clippings and small branches, can be found on the back of the Sanitation Schedule that is mailed to you in December. If you did not receive one or it is misplaced, you may obtain one by calling the DPW at 591-6044 or e-mail [gnilsson@irvingtonny.gov](mailto:gnilsson@irvingtonny.gov).

The DPW accepts yard waste, leaves, grass clippings and small branches in biodegradable paper bags or in securely tied bundles no longer than 4 feet and weighing no more than 50 pounds. **Plastic bags are not acceptable and will not be picked up.**

Please refer to the **Important Notice** concerning this type of debris contained on the last page of this newsletter.

The Department of Public Works suspects that some of the brush and yard waste that it collects from within the Village is, in fact "imported" by landscapers who work with clients in other communities. In many communities landscapers must pay to dispose of the brush and yard waste they collect. In order to avoid these costs (which no doubt they charge the client for) they pack up the debris from another town and dump it off here in Irvington while they are servicing their clients in our Village. This is illegal. Irvington taxpayers are picking up the tab for other communities' recycling programs. If you suspect that your landscaper is "importing" brush and yard waste to Irvington, tell them to discontinue this practice. If you have knowledge of this type of incident, please call 591-6044.

The spring planting season is also here. The DPW provides compost from the Village's compost site free of charge to Irvington residents. If you would like to be placed on our compost delivery list, please call 591-6044 and leave your name, address, phone number, amount you would like delivered and the location on your property where it should be left. We have 2 different size loads, a small dump truck (2 cubic yards) or a large dump truck (6 cubic yards).



### RECREATION

Visit the Village website at  
[www.irvingtonny.gov](http://www.irvingtonny.gov)  
to view the  
Spring/Summer Brochure



## At The Library

Irvington author and Pulitzer Prize winner Bob Massie will speak at the library on April 25, 2004 at 4 pm. Mr. Massie's newest book, Castles of Steel, is about the sea battles of World War I fought between the British and German navies and the effects these battles had on each country's future.

David Schwartz, film curator at the Museum of the Moving image, returns with a new series of films, On the Campaign Trail: American Presidential Politics on Film. The series will be on Tuesday nights at 7 pm. Starting on March 30<sup>th</sup> with a double bill, "Primary" and "Tanner 88". On the following three Tuesday nights, we will see "The War Room", "Feed", and "The Best Man". Come and see how the lines between fiction and documentary, between news and entertainment, have become blurred, and how the media have helped turn campaigns into popularity contests as well as debates on the issues.

On April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, we will have a beginning Internet class. Come and learn how to surf effectively.

On Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm, popular chef Norma Chang returns with another class on easy to prepare low fat wok cooking.

Vesna Mison, an artist, teacher and lecturer, will present two lectures and slide shows. The first, on European Impressionism, will take place on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, she will discuss post-Impressionism.

Local artist, Vincent Saavedra will exhibit his palette knife paintings at the library from April 4<sup>th</sup> through the end of May. There will be a reception on Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm that is open to all.

Also during the month of April, to celebrate the month of the Young Child, artwork by the students at Good Shepherd Nursery School will be displayed on panels near the circulation desk.

Our Children's Fair will take place on Family Fun Day, May 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10:30 to 3:30 pm. There will be a carousel and lots of games for the children and a book sale for the adults. This is part of May Madness sponsored by The Chamber of Commerce. There will be a juried craft fair, sidewalk sales and more all day, so plan to stay in the village on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Come and celebrate Earth Day on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 am with a family craft program.

And don't forget our newest Children's Program, Stories and Snacks on the first Thursday of each month at 4 pm. Guests will read to children ages 4 to 6.

Do you want to receive the Library email newsletter? Just send an e-mail to: [LibraryMail@irvingtonny.gov](mailto:LibraryMail@irvingtonny.gov).

The Irvington Library is open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 9 pm. Our phone number is 591-7840. Our web address is [www.irvingtonlibrary.org](http://www.irvingtonlibrary.org).



### STAY INFORMED!

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## IRVINGTON TOWN HALL THEATER

The house rules are no smokin' in Irvington Town Hall Theater, but I'm afraid **Smokey Joe's Café**,

performed by Cagle & Company's Adult Troupe, may just rock the house with energy right up to the rafters of Town Hall. If you were too busy in the 50's and 60's twisting and shimmying the night away and you hailed the "King" of rock and roll, this Tony award nominated Broadway revue is for you. **Smokey Joe's Café** relives rock's glory days from the rock & roll Hall of Fame such as *Hound Dog*, *Little Egypt*, *Spanish Harlem*, *Kansas City*, *Jailhouse Rock* and *Stand By Me*. This smash will send you roaring back with a plethora of songs by the song writing duo of Leiber and Stoller, featuring hilarious routines and stellar dance numbers. This production runs **April 23-25** and it is not to be missed! I guarantee you will be bopping in your seat and sighing with glossed over eyes from the start to the emotional crescendo finish. On Saturday, **April 24**, Irvington Town Hall Theater, Inc. is having a special theater party with a pre-show dinner at River City Grille, preferred seating in the Theater and a nightcap at The Red Bistro as a benefit. Hurry and reserve your seat to join in on the smokin' fun, either by calling the box office 591-6602 or by email: [boxoffice@irvingtontheater.com](mailto:boxoffice@irvingtontheater.com).

We also have many wonderful children's performances coming up in the next few months for the slightly younger set of budding thespians than the above target group. Please check our calendar on our web site <http://www.IrvingtonTheater.com> for a thorough listing and further performance details.

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## Eagle Scout Trailway Project

Jeremy Graham, an Eagle Scout candidate, recently completed his proposed Trail Construction project located near the Irvington Reservoir property. The project included the construction of a North South Trail (NS) going from one trail head at the Nature Center to another trail head on Cyrus Field Road. Other sub-trails were also constructed coming off the main trail to sites such as Split Rock, Hermit Wetlands, and Sunset Rock. Split Rock is said to be a place where Washington Irving used to stop and write. The Hermit Wetland has a variety of wildlife, including the very rare Blue Heron. Jeremy exhibited strong leadership skills in completing this ambitious project in such a short period of time. Mayor Flood and the Board of Trustees wish to thank Jeremy for his dedication and commitment to the project. Many Irvington residents will benefit from his effort.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the extremely large volume of brush and garden debris left at curbsides this Fall, the Department of Public Works must begin to enforce the rules and regulations established by the Village Board many years ago. The current practice of piling large diameter tree limbs together with garden debris and leaves by many residents and landscapers requires the use of a payloader and dump truck. This process is extremely time consuming. In an effort to have all leaves and garden debris removed from curbside in a timely manner, the Department of Public Works will not pick up garden debris and/or brush unless the following rules and regulations are followed:

- Garden debris, flowers, cut grass, sweepings, rakings, clippings, small branches, such as annual growth from hedges, bushes and shrubbery shall be placed in biodegradable bags and put at curbside for collection. Clippings and small branches from hedges and shrubbery, which are too large to place in such containers, may be made up in bundles, securely tied, not longer than four (4) feet and weighing no more than 50 lbs. **All the above bags or bundles shall be picked up on Mondays (North side) and Tuesdays (South Side) with Main Street as the dividing line.**
- Tree branches must be cut or broken up and left loose in piles not larger than forty-eight (48) inches long, eighteen (18) inches wide and eighteen (18) inches high not to exceed 50 lbs., to be placed at curbside for collection.
- During the Fall season leaves shall be placed at curbside loose. The piles must be accessible as they are picked up by machine. Garden debris, tree limbs, etc. as described in paragraph (1) above must not be mixed in the pile of loose leaves.



### IrvingtonVillage News

Our thanks to all those who have contributed to this publication  
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**Dennis P. Flood, Mayor**  
**Isabel B. Milano, Chairperson, Village Trustee**

April 5, 2004

Dear Friend:

The Irvington Community Advisory Board (CAB), which is comprised of seventy-five members ranging from school and village officials, parents, clergy, senior citizens, police department members, students from the Irvington Middle and High Schools, Immaculate Conception School, and representatives from many other organizations is sponsoring a "Celebrate Our Youth Day" for the entire community on Saturday, May 8, from 2:00pm to 10:00pm.

This will be an all day event at Scenic Hudson Park bringing together our entire community. Special events, carnival booths, student performances, and friendly competition will dominate the day. We expect a great turnout.

"Celebrate Our Youth Day" is designed to focus on the positive things our youth bring to our community. Irvington youth volunteers are not only participating in this event but they are also actively organizing the day's events. Proceeds from the student run carnival booths will go directly to the Middle School and High School Class Activity Fund and sponsorships will help fund Community Advisory Board youth sponsored activities and programs.

The O'Hara Foundation has agreed that this is a very valuable and worthwhile effort that will have a very positive impact on how our youth view the adults and leaders of our community. To that end the Foundation has donated \$10,000 toward the cost of putting this day together.

If you are interested in sponsoring a booth or an event please fill out the enclosed form with a check made out to the "Village Of Irvington." Your name or business will be prominently displayed on a sign next to the event you choose to sponsor. Thank you for your support for the youth of our community.

Sincerely,

Isabel Milano  
Chairperson

**Booth or Event Sponsorship Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Climbing Rock Wall \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,000

Strong Man High Striker \_\_\_\_\_ \$525

Air Bounce \_\_\_\_\_ \$600

Kiddie Land \_\_\_\_\_ \$500.

Dunk Tank \_\_\_\_\_ \$550

Showmobile \_\_\_\_\_ \$450

Carnival Booth Games \_\_\_\_\_ \$300 (see reverse side)

Donation \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check payable to: "Village of Irvington" and mail to "Celebrate Our Youth Day," Recreation Center  
71 Main Street, Irvington, New York 10533, Attention: Laura

## **Carnival Booth Games**

\$300 per Booth

(See Booth or Event Sponsorship Form on reverse side)

Color Wheel

Duck Pond

Touchdown Toss

Hippo Bean Bag Toss

Wack'em Cats

Ring The Bottle

Wheel of Fortune

Milk Jug Toss

**On behalf of the Community Advisory Board and the youth of our community, thank you for your support of this program**

**It promises to be a wonderful day for everyone**